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Re: **O. STRANDBERG, et al, Application No.: 09/599,736**
Docket No.: 0172.38192X00
Examiner: C. T. Ho - Art Unit 2664

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: O. STRANDBERG, et al.
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For: DIFFERENTIATED SERVICE NETWORK AND METHOD OF
OPERATING A DIFFERENTIATED SERVICE NETWORK
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Examiner: C. T. Ho

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF OFFICE ACTION

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January 14, 2005

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of an Office Action dated November 1, 2004.
With regard to this Office Action, clarification is requested, for the reasons set forth below, in order to permit the Applicants to provide a complete response to the Office Action.

In paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, it is stated:

"Claims 1-9, 10-18, 19-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cox (USP 6,567,382 B1) in view of Pashtan, et al. (USP 6,542,466 B1)."

Also, USP 6,567,382 to Cox is listed as reference A on the form PTO/892 Notice of References Cited attached to the Office Action. As such, it appears from this paragraph that the Cox patent was intended to be the primary reference relied on in the rejection.

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However, in the body of the rejection itself, reference is made to the Galand document as the apparent primary reference. As such, frequent reference is made throughout pages 2-6 of the Office Action concerning Galand, including combining it with the secondary reference to Pashtan. Although no document number is given for Galand, et al., it is assumed to be USP 6,188,698 which was cited in a previous Office Action.

In light of this situation, it is unclear to the Applicants is whether the rejection is actually based on the Cox reference, as noted at the outset of the rejection on page 2 of the Office action, or whether it is, in fact, actually based on the Galand patent. Indeed, it is not completely clear from the Office Action as to whether the Galand document being referred to is actually the same Galand patent used in the previous rejection. Therefore, under these circumstances, it is not possible for the Applicants to provide a complete response to the Office Action since it is not clear as to exactly which references the Examiner is actually relying on for the basis of the rejection. Therefore, clarification of this matter is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus,

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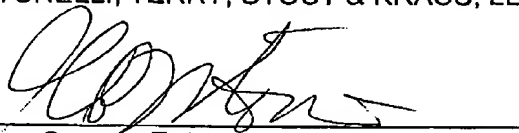
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